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Historical Notes and Queries.

ERRATA.

The errata, page 453, number 4, volume I, says: on page 326, for school read schools, and that the words Lower Norfolk county, on the same page, should be omitted. It should be that the word school, on line 13, page 326, should be schools, and the words Lower Norfolk county, same line and page, should be omitted.

LETTER OF COLONEL LEWIS WILLIS.

Letter of Col. Lewis Willis, of Willis Hill, near Fredericksburg, from Washington's Headquarters in New Jersey, in 1777, to Chas. Gates, of Fredericksburg, Va. Contributed by Dr. A. G. Grinnan, of Madison county, Va.

HEADQUARTERS, MIDDLEBROOK, 19 June, 1777.

My dear Friend, Your four letters of 7th and 27 of May and 1st & 10th of June came safe to hand, for which I return you a thousand thanks, and I hope and beg you to continue to write to me. The letter you enclosed from my wife, gave me a great deal of uneasiness, therein she mentions being under inoculation for Small pox. My acquaintances had heard that she was extremely ill, and I was afraid to write to her but wrote to you by Capt. Cobbs to be informed of particulars. At the time we were in great hurry and confusion, tents struck, every thing packed, and we expected to attack the enemy in an hour or two, being only five or Six Miles distant from each other.

I will endeavour to describe the Situation as well as I can, with Such a pen, and lying flat on the ground on a blanket, as every thing I have except one Suit of wearing apparel is in wagons to be sent out of the way, and has been there since I wrote to you by Cobbs.

Our army, that is the one here immediately under Gen. Washington, lies between two Mountains, high and rocky, the one behind the enemy is remarkably so; there are four gaps and these are now thoroughly fortified.

Muhlenberg's Brigade is now stationed at Street's Gap, and is joined by a great number of militia, who have turned out beyond our most sanguine expectations. And it is the case not only here, but many have joined Gen. Sullivan at Prince town, and have been in a small action and behaved well. It is said that Gen. Mifflen will have seven or eight thousand Pennsylvania Militia on the south side of the Delaware to oppose the enemy if they make for Philadelphia. And I understand we are to wait their motion, and fall on their rear. The Brigades of Gen. Mifflen, Sullivan, Scott and Muhlenburg, and Col. Morgans Riflemen, who are lying close about there day and night, are to be in the front.